

Application No. 09/993,780
Supplemental Amendment "1P" dated February 17, 2006

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed for consideration with the appeal of the present case, rather than having the amendments entered by Examiner's Amendment. This amendment is being filed prior to the filing of the appeal brief in accordance with existing rules,¹ to fix typographical errors, to provide proper antecedent basis and to promote consistency in the claim language. The errors fixed by this amendment were identified during preparation of the appeal brief and are requested to place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered inasmuch as the amendments made by this paper do not introduce any new issues, present new matter or present additional claims.²

By this paper, claims 3, 4, 5, 15, 30, 49-50, 56, 62-63 have been amended to promote the consistent use of the term "computing system" by replacing the alternative references to "computing device" and "remote device".

Claim 37 has been amended to delete an extra comma.

Claims 50 and 58 have also been amended to promote consistency and clarity with regard to the claimed computer program products. In particular, language has been added and deleted to improve the clarity of the claims and to remove ambiguity with regard to whether claims 50 and 58 are directed to methods or computer-program products. The amendments made to these claims do not add new matter or introduce new issues.

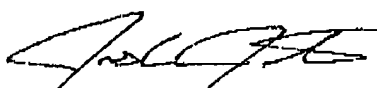
Claims 42, 48, and 77 have also been cancelled.³

Following this paper, if it is entered, claims 3-8, 13-15, 27-30, 37-41, 43-47, 49-76 and 78 will remain pending for consideration in the appeal.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 17 day of February, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ Rule 41.33 governs "Amendments . . . after appeal." 41.33(a) states that "Amendments filed after the date of filing an appeal and prior to the date a brief is filed may be admitted as provided in 1.116 [amendment after final--presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal]." This is confirmed in MPEP 1206, indicating that "Amendments should not be included in the appeal brief. Amendments should be filed as separate papers." See also MPEP 1207.

² MPEP 1207.

³ Claims 42 and 48 appear to recite redundant elements. Claim 77 was previously requested to be cancelled by Examiner's Amendment.